



Cambridge Police Department BridgeStat

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(Abridged Version)

Produced by the Crime Analysis Unit



Part I Total Crime

A review of serious Part 1 crime statistics for the first ten months of 2020 indicates a tempered increase of 4% in the Part One index total for Cambridge when compared with 2019. For the time period between January 1st to November 2nd of this year, there were 2,035 serious crimes reported in the City. For the same time frame in 2019, the combined total for Murder, Rape, Robbery, Aggravated Assault, Burglary, Larceny & Auto theft was 1,952 incidents, 83 fewer than this year. When measured against the five-year average, relatively no change has been registered, with but seven fewer crimes recorded so far this year than the projected total of 2,042 incidents.

Further analysis for the crime totals through the end of October of 2020 reveals that violent crime dipped 3% so far this year, with eight fewer incidents reported, while property crimes registered a moderate 5% upward trend, with 91 additional crimes reported when compared with the same time frame in 2019. There were 52 robberies counted over the first ten months of 2020, nine categorized as commercial and 43 classified as street incidents, pointing to a decrease of nine incidents (-15%) when compared with 2019. There has not been a bank robbery in Cambridge since August of 2018. On April 23rd, Jose Bermudez was arrested for the fatal daylight stabbing of a homeless man in Central Square on April 14th. Bermudez is being held without bail. This has been the first and only murder in Cambridge since January of 2019.

When monitoring the serious crime totals of October versus the previous month of September, a 11% drop in the number of index incidents was measured with 22 fewer crimes counted. The plunge of 29% in larcenies from residences and the 12% dive in thefts of bicycles in October, compared to September, were the key trends that surfaced. After seven months of comparative data to analyze the effect that COVID-19 and social distancing are having on the crime rate in our City, the following trends have been identified and remain as persistent problems: larcenies of bicycles (up 59% over the 5-year average), thefts of packages, psychiatric-related calls, a once surging but recently on the wane wave of commercial burglaries (up 83% above 2019), and the surge of unemployment fraud reports that peaked in June, abated during the summer months, and has exploded over the past six weeks.

(Note, unemployment fraud is considered a Part Two Crime. It is not one of the seven Part One crime types—murder, rape, robbery, aggravated assault, burglary, larceny, and auto theft—that departments are required to report to the FBI each year as part of the Uniform Crime Reporting (UCR) Index. Therefore, it is not counted in, nor does it affect, our reported serious crime “total”.)



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	4 Week Snapshot			Year to Date			Five Year	
	9/8/20 - 10/5/20	10/6/20 - 11/2/20	Change	2019	2020	Change	Avg	Change
Homicide	0	0	IN-CALC	1	1	0%	1	0%
Rape	3	1	-67%	24	22	-8%	24	-8%
Robbery	4	3	-25%	61	52	-15%	73	-29%
Commercial Robbery	1	0	-100%	8	9	13%	21	-57%
Street Robbery	3	3	0%	53	43	-19%	52	-17%
Aggravated Assault	13	13	0%	160	163	2%	157	4%
Total Violent Crime	20	17	-15%	246	238	-3%	255	-7%

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Burglary	14	11	-21%	127	165	30%	206	-20%
Commercial Break	4	3	-25%	29	53	83%	43	23%
Housebreak	10	8	-20%	98	112	14%	163	-31%
Larceny	171	155	-9%	1481	1560	5%	1486	5%
Larceny (Misc)	3	3	0%	35	36	3%	35	3%
Larceny from Building	9	5	-44%	182	105	-42%	220	-52%
Larceny from MV	28	29	4%	211	272	29%	243	12%
Larceny from Person	9	7	-22%	140	81	-42%	147	-45%
Larceny from Residence	28	20	-29%	198	297	50%	188	58%
Larceny of Bicycle	76	67	-12%	407	525	29%	330	59%
Larceny of Plate	2	2	0%	17	9	-47%	19	-53%
Larceny of Services	0	0	IN-CALC	12	3	-75%	18	-83%
Shoplifting	16	22	38%	279	232	-17%	285	-19%
Auto Theft	4	4	0%	98	72	-27%	95	-24%
Total Property Crime	189	170	-10%	1706	1797	5%	1787	1%

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Total Part I Crime	209	187	-11%	1952	2035	4%	2042	0%

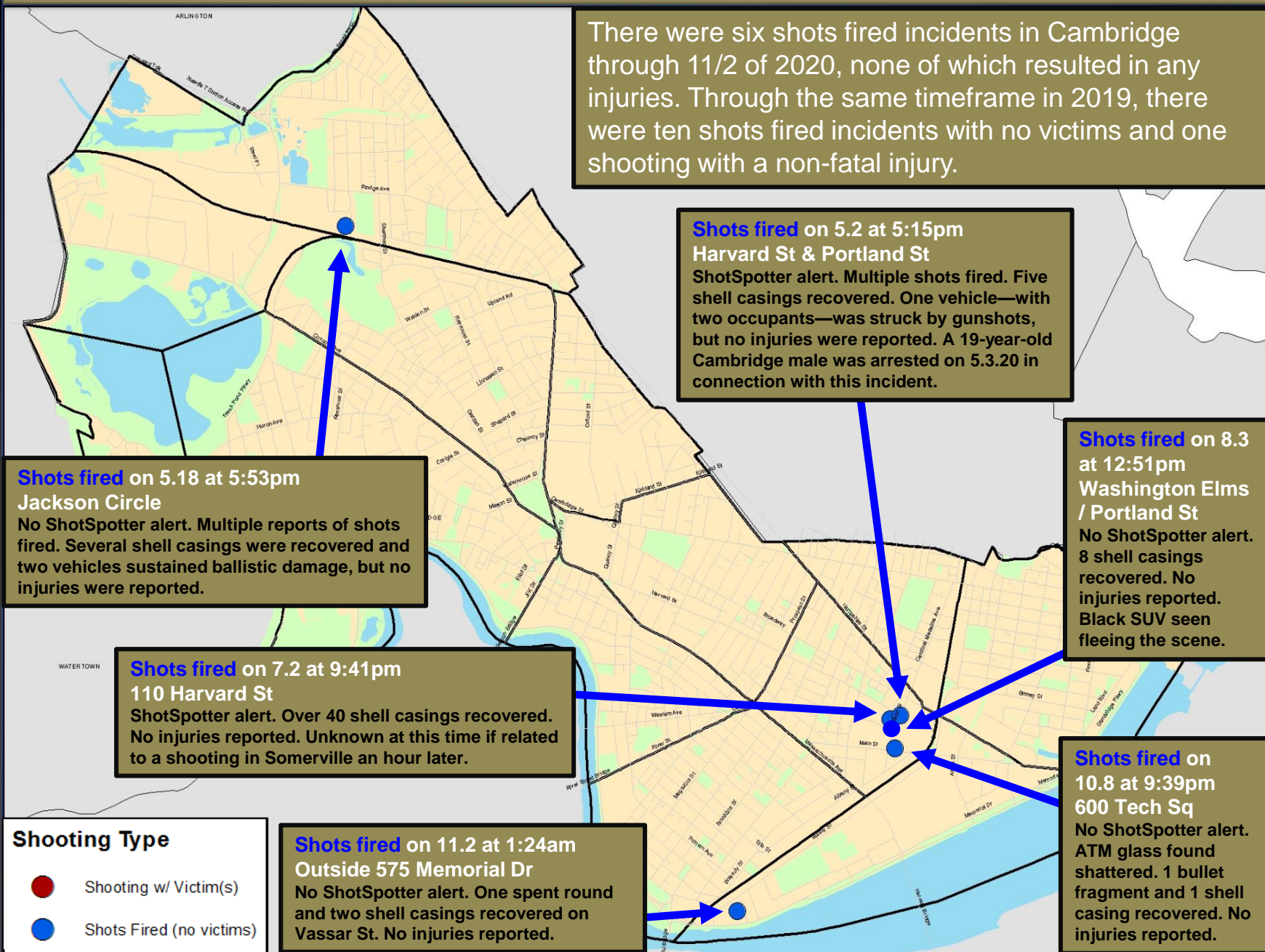


Shootings & Shots Fired in Cambridge: 1.1.20 – 11.2.20

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There were six shots fired incidents in Cambridge through 11/2 of 2020, none of which resulted in any injuries. Through the same timeframe in 2019, there were ten shots fired incidents with no victims and one shooting with a non-fatal injury.



Shooting Type

- Shooting w/ Victim(s)
- Shots Fired (no victims)



Help Prevent Crime

And keep yourself informed!

To receive information from the CPD:

- Sign up with for the **Cambridge Alert Network**, to receive alerts about emerging crime patterns, neighborhood meetings, and crime prevention tips, by visiting www.CambridgeMa.gov/AlertNetwork.
- “Like” the Cambridge Police Department on Facebook at www.facebook.com/CambridgePolice
- Follow [@CambridgePolice](https://twitter.com/CambridgePolice) on Twitter.
- Visit our website at www.CambridgePolice.org for valuable information and reports including the Daily Log and BridgeStat, which is published on the first Friday of every month.
- Download our “MyPD” smartphone app at www.CambridgePolice.org/MyPD.

To Share Information with the CPD:

- Call our Non-Emergency Telephone Number at **617-349-3300**.
 - Every call for service generates a police response, so help drive our resources by reporting things that seem suspicious or out of the ordinary.
- Send an Anonymous TEXT-A-TIP:
 - Send an ANONYMOUS text message to **Tip411 (847411)**. Begin your message with Tip650 and then type your message. You will receive a response from the Cambridge Police with the option to continue communicating. Please remember that this is not a replacement for 9-1-1. **If you witness an emergency situation, please call 9-1-1 immediately.**
- Send an Anonymous Crime Tip E-Mail at www.CambridgePolice.org/Tips



Questions?

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